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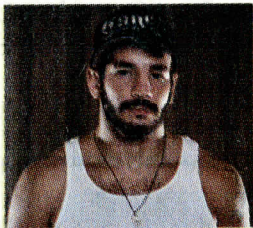
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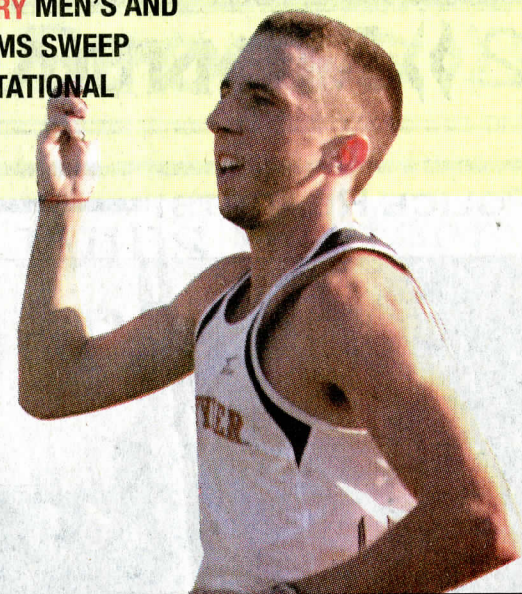


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ACADEMICS

Theater professor resigns suddenly

By Allen Arrick
Editor in Chief

Dr. James Hatfield, director of the troubled University theater program, resigned Aug. 24 to take a position as chairman of the theater department at a California State system school, Dr. Alisa White, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences said.

White said Hatfield e-mailed his resignation to her late Aug. 21.

For the time being, adjunct professors Michael Ward from Robert E. Lee High School and Evelyn James from the Tyler Public Library will fill in for the three classes Hatfield was scheduled to teach this semester.

White said she didn't know how soon the college could fill Hatfield's position permanently.

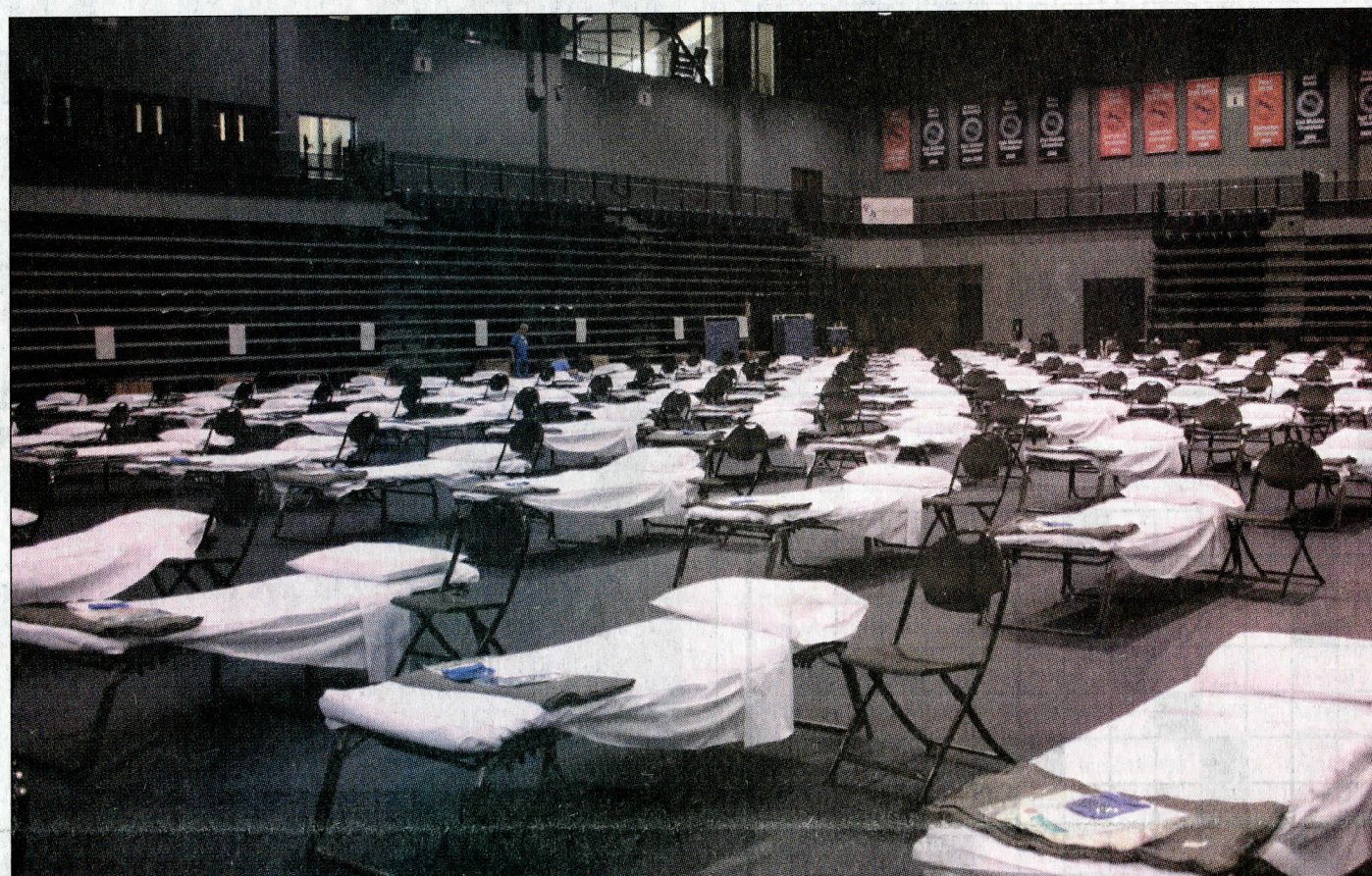
"I'll have to meet with the provost and look at our positions," she said.

Dr. Paul Streufert, assistant professor of classics and English, who oversees the theater studies

HURRICANE GUSTAV

Gimme Shelter

Students, faculty, staff and volunteers worked countless hours last week preparing for hurricane Gustav evacuees from Beaumont. Nursing students and volunteers got hours of experience dealing with special needs patients sheltered in the Herrington Patriot Center.



Talon offers news online, new weekly deliveries

The Patriot Talon staff announced the debut of a new Web site, patriottalon.com, and the start of the first weekly publication schedule in the newspaper's 40-year history.

"The site makes it easy and quick for readers to get a current and accurate overview of talon.com University news

as it happens, and the weekly publication schedule will give timely news in a tangible format for students, faculty, staff and alumni to carry around," Talon Editor-in-Chief Allen Arrick said.

The Web site debuted Aug. 27, and is the latest incarnation in the Talon's quest for getting news to the public.

For the past years, the Talon has had a biweekly publication schedule – the newspapers only published every other week, and produced a rudimentary Web site.

In 2007 the *Patriot Talon* added a business coordinator



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who oversees the theater studies minor, said he wasn't aware of Hatfield's resignation until Aug. 25.

He said he doesn't believe it will be difficult to fill Hatfield's position.

"I hope that we will be able to move forward with reinvigorating and refiguring the department. I think it will be a good opportunity for us to move in a new direction," Streufert said.

Hatfield leaves a department in its reconstructive phase after the theater program was dismantled in 2003 by then Dean Donna Dickerson due to decreasing enrollment.

Administrators appointed a committee to suggest ways to bring back theater. This included a list of six recommendations. The only suggestion administrators followed ended up dismantling the program and attempting to make it a minor.

Administrators moved theater classes under the supervision of the English department. In recent years a theater studies minor has emerged, but the performance venue was reassigned for the Metamorphosis Café, leaving students nowhere to practice or perform.

In addition, Mary Ellen Wright, who is married to Hatfield theater studies other professor, retired last year.



TALON » Kyle G. Horst

A gym full of cots greeted hurricane Gustav evacuees from Beaumont. The evacuees were primarily special needs patients – many of whom were hospital patients, handicapped or elderly people who could not evacuate on their own.

Volunteers donate countless hours to help evacuees

By Melissa Greene

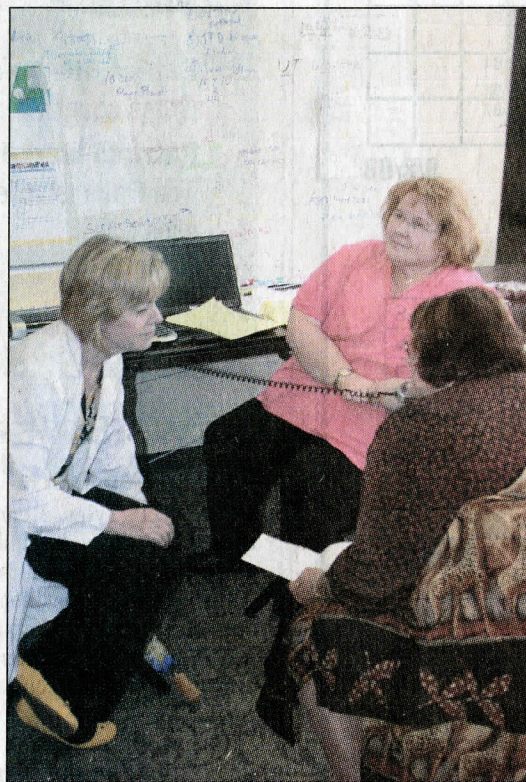
Associate Editor

Dozens of black rectangles containing the names of Hurricane Gustav evacuees covered the dry erase board. Each small shape representing a life temporarily reduced to a cot in the Maytee Fisch Convocation Center.

Anne Viviano was served as Charge Nurse for the shelter.

"I make sure that all the patients that are here are really here, kept a list of them updated, and if somebody goes to the hospital I keep track of that," she said. "I keep track of who is on dialysis and who is on oxygen therapy, actually keeping everything in order so that we know what's going on, who's who and where they are."

The organizational structure of the shelter combined lessons from hurricanes Katrina and Rita and several years of planning. The only variable in the details was the reliance on volun-



TALON » Kyle G. Horst

Evacuation center coordinators (left to right) Dr. Gale Varinell, Dr. Janith Williams, and Dr. Linda Klotz the co-incident commander sit in the command center on the first floor of the HPC.

Hundreds evacuate from coastal areas to Tyler, University

By Allen Arrick

Editor in Chief

As Hurricane Gustav barreled toward the gulf coast, University nursing staff and volunteers prepared the Herrington Patriot Center for special needs evacuees from Beaumont.

Dr. Linda Klotz, dean of nursing and health sciences, said the call to activate the Patriot Center as a shelter came in late Aug. 29, and student volunteers were notified.

On Aug. 30, Tyler Mayor Barbara Bass signed an official Declaration of Disaster/Emergency Condition in response to the President Bush's Declaration resulting from Hurricane Gustav.

Accuweather.com reported that, "The storm poses a serious threat to lives and property along the Gulf Coast, with landfall forecast late Monday or early on Tuesday. The threat will extend well inland from the immediate coast."

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COWAN CENTER

Fox, former Mexico leader, tops Cowan schedule

Kyle G. Horst

Associate Editor

The 2008-2009 school year is the 12th season for the University of Texas at Tyler Cowan Center. So far, 20 events have been scheduled ranging from "The Nutcracker" to "Jesus Christ Superstar."

This month's activities feature comedian Martin Short on Sept 13 and former Mexican President Vicente Fox on Sept 25. Then on Sept. 27 the East Texas Symphony Orchestra concert will feature the music of Antonio Vivaldi and Ludwig van Beethoven.

"Woven Harmony" a guitar performance by Robert and Rebecca Bluestone and a demonstration presented by Mad Science featuring the world of Crime Scene Investigations is scheduled for October. The performances feature exhibits, visu-

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Visa-less professors begin term unable to teach class

By Melissa Greene

Associate Editor

Observing wasn't in the lesson plans for two new foreign national faculty members. However that's what they ended up doing the first week of school after a delay in receiving work visas prevented them from legally teaching at the University.

Dr. Naomi Kagawa, assistant professor of communications, waited and watched for nearly a week while other professors taught her classes. Kagawa was notified electronically that her visa was approved, but had to wait for the go-ahead from the University's officials before teaching.

"In the meantime, I was delighted to meet the students," Kagawa said. "I just couldn't speak from the perspective of a teacher."

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Administration approves new art department building

By Karli Tedford

Staff Writer

The University's art department is set for expansion with the addition of the Art Studio Complex.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new complex is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 11, said Gary Hatcher, professor and chairman of art and art history, said.

Plans have the new buildings surrounding the current art studios and sharing a common roof to provide covered pedestrian walkways.

The current location of the art studios and the Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center has been "inconvenient" for both students and professors, Hatcher said, but he said he hopes the new building will "unite the department."

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SGA publishes budget for 2008-2009 academic year

By Allen Arrick

Editor in Chief

The Student Government association unanimously voted to pass their 2008-2009 fiscal year budget last week.

The budget, which remains the same amount as the previous year at \$29,972, cut back on several items and increased the Student Government Appropriations Committee funds which are handed out on a selective basis to registered student organizations.

The budget includes more than \$29,000 in maintenance and operations costs, including everything from office supplies to SGA training and a spring

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Tolliver begins as new student life director

By Ashlie Osburn

Staff Writer

The Office of Student Life and Leadership not only changed its name this summer, but also gained a new director, Ona Tolliver.

Tolliver said she plans to launch new and innovative programs she discovered during her 17-year career at the University of North Texas in Denton where she served as Associate Dean of Students.

"I think one of the most important things this office does is to promote a sense of community within the students," Tolliver said.

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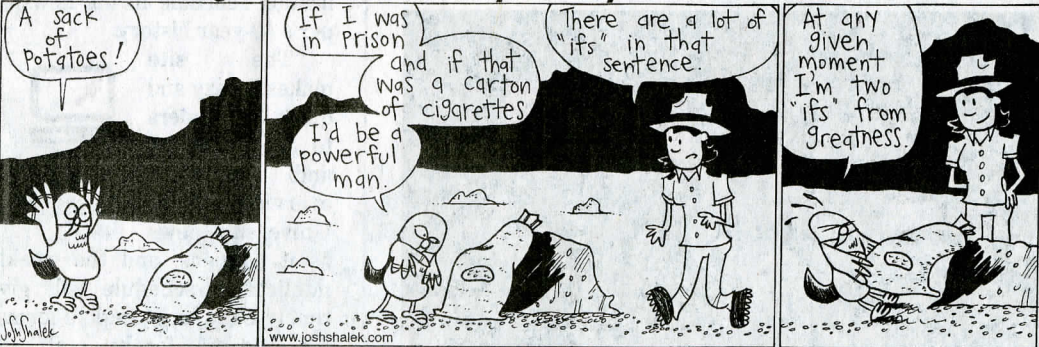
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University Police Investigate a two-car collision in front of the Ratliff Building North on Aug. 28. A blue Chevrolet Cavalier and a Ford Explorer collided near the entrance to Varsity Drive. The driver of the Explorer was transported to East Texas Medical Center by ambulance.

Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Kid Shay



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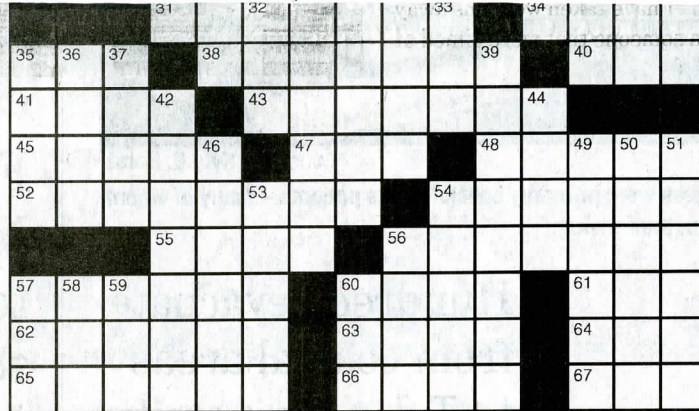
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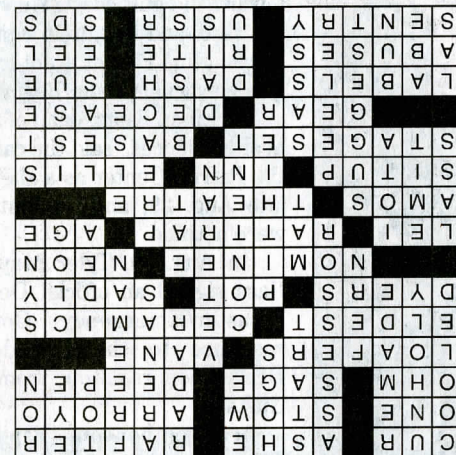
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Patriot men, women win UT Invitational

Cross country teams swept both races on Saturday's UT Tyler Invitational

Patriots work to spike last season's record

The Patriots volleyball team already one win shy of matching last season's total wins

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Rec Sports

The UT Tyler Recreational Sports Program beginning this semester is scheduled to provide games and activities not only for students, but for faculty and staff also, Jameson Adams, recreational sports program coordinator, said.

Every Wednesday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., faculty and staff may participate in various recreational sport activities for free at the Herrington Patriot Center. No HPC membership is required.

Activities will rotate each week and include table tennis and basketball.

A recreational sports program calendar that contains schedules

and listings of student intramural sports, club sports, outdoors adventures and other programming is available.

For additional information, contact Adams, 903.566.7281 or jadams@uttyler.edu.

Don King Scholarship

Six students have been named the first recipients of the Only in America scholarships at The University of Texas at Tyler, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

Jack Adams, Darrell Geisendorff, Adrian Lopez, Steven Harbaugh, Miguel Garcia and Daniel Gibson were awarded the scholarship which recognize the contributions of military men

and women.

The award is \$1,000 per semester for spring and fall only.

Academic Success department created

The University of Texas at Tyler, the university's Academic Advising Center has become part of a new department within Academic Affairs called Academic Success, Dr. Peter Fos, provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced.

"The ultimate goal is to serve as centralized support for the college advisers in addition to providing quality advising throughout a student's four-year undergraduate experience," Fos said.

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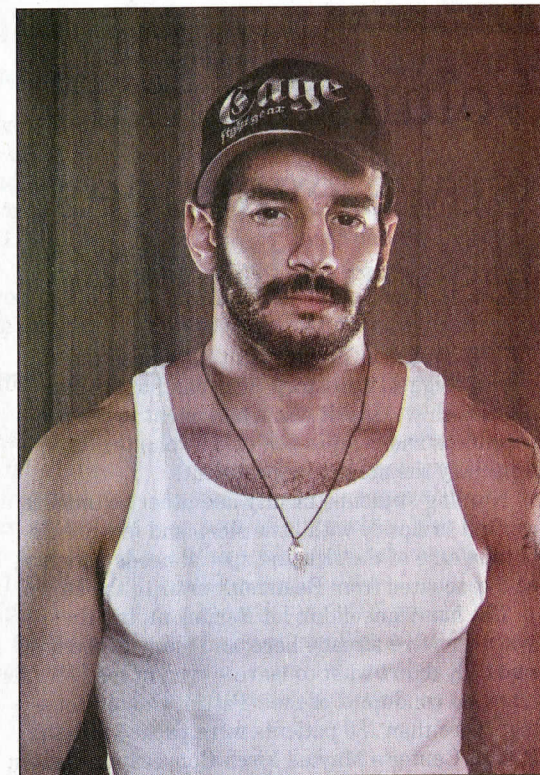
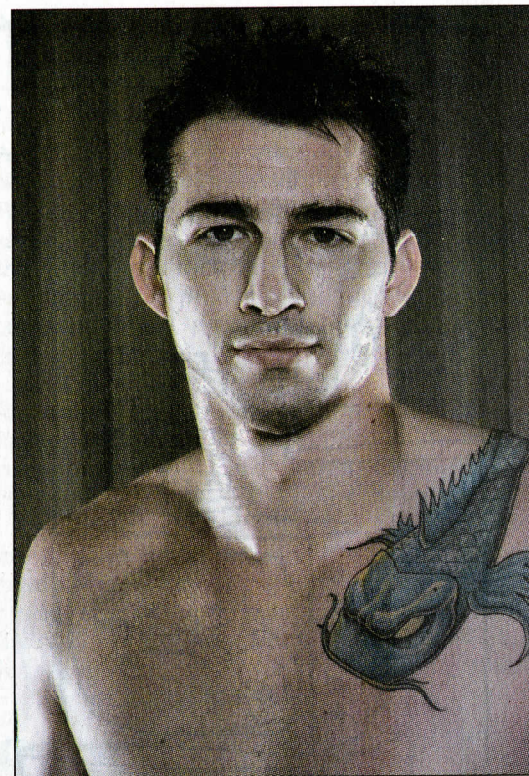
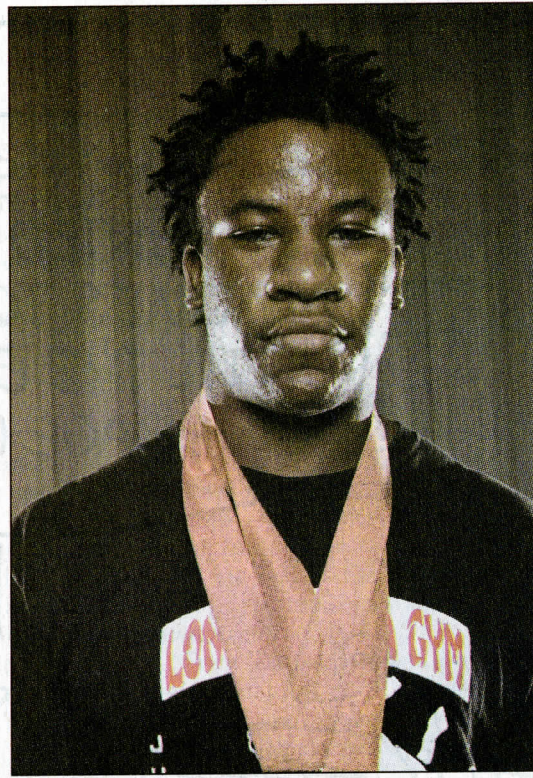
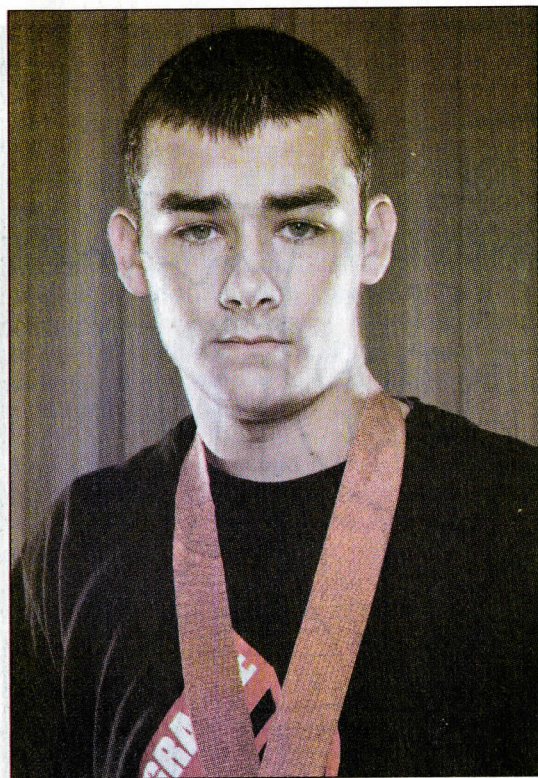
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From left to right Robert E. Lee student Jared Johnson, Terry Anderson, Johnson and Anderson both won medals at the NAGA world Championship, alumni Robbie Dennis, and former University student yaccine Becca, all train at Lone Star MMA gym in Tyler.

The faces of: Mixed Martial Arts

Story and Photos by Allen Arrick

Drew Arthur, instructor and owner of Lone Star MMA gym, stands in front of his class demonstrating how to escape a choke hold from a bigger and stronger opponent while on the ground.

"It's all about science and physics," Arthur says to the class as he tells them to point their chin to the ground while wrapping one leg around the opponents to increase leverage.

Arthur, who started the gym a few years ago in Tyler, teaches a relatively new form of fighting known as Mixed Martial Arts to his students, some of whom are current or former University students. The followers of Ultimate Fighting Championship and Professional Fighting Championship

"There are things they did in the old days that they can't do anymore," Arthur said. "When they first came on TV, they were hitting to the groin, grabbing the throat, hitting to the back of the head - to the brain stem. Now they don't do that stuff."

same guy who can hold on and clear his head and maybe make the other guy tap out," Arthur said. "It's a lot safer too."

Arthur said the goal of a match is to make the other person tap out, like crying uncle, after putting the opponent in an uncomfortable choke-hold.

But he said the draw for many of his student's ranges from fitness to competition.

"For a lot of people it's just the fitness aspect -- just pushing themselves," he said. "Some of them aren't satisfied and they'll master all the aspects of one martial art."

For University criminal justice alumni Robbie Dennis, it's more to keep his mind focused.

"It wasn't really about fighting at first," Dennis said. "I was

was a federal agent.

"When I came to Tyler, I was a retired federal agent and I came over and started teaching at church," he said. "I started teaching some other folks who wanted to learn MMA. My wife made the move to try and set this up as the first (MMA gym) in the area."

Arthur said his experience as an agent made him want to be more proficient in reality-based combat situations.

"I'm not the biggest guy in the world, so a lot of the things I do, like make an arrest - a lot of these guys wouldn't give up," he said. "I have taken weapons away from someone that were aimed at me."

Arthur said his MMA training helped him achieve his goals as a federal agent and he looks to pass

from under someone. By the time they realize the chair is not there they can't stop," he said

Arthur has classes each week-day with different specialties. The gym has eight trainers and students ranging from advanced

like Dennis to Arthur's 7-year-old daughter, who competes in the 49-pound intermediate category.

For more information visit: www.lonestarmmagym.com



ponents. The followers of Ultimate Fighting Championship and Pride Fighting Championship will quickly recognize the style, which combines judo, kickboxing, karate, Greco-Roman wrestling and many other arts into one intense competition.

Arthur said the sport became official in 1993 with the first televised match.

"They've taken a lot of techniques and codified it into a sporting aspect," he said.

The MMA viewers see on television today is much different than the one 15 years ago.

head to the gym and now they don't do that stuff." Arthur said the sport has come a long way since its inception, with standardized rules and regulations uniform across the United States.

He said a person who does Judo, wrestling or boxing will recognize things they are familiar with. "It just covered a lot of different techniques from a lot of different martial arts," he said.

"The draw for spectators is it moves from someone who looks like they're being punched and they can't fight back to ... the

"It wasn't really about fighting at first," Dennis said. "I was about getting back in shape. I was doing boxing with a friend and he asked me if I was interested. He introduced me to his trainer and we hit it off."

Dennis, who said he's been doing MMA for about two years, has competed in several matches in the welterweight category.

Dennis said he specializes in Muay Thai – a striking martial art from Thailand.

But for Arthur, his rise into the MMA world began when he

helped him achieve his goals as a federal agent and he looks to pass on what he learns to his students, some of whom are women who want to defend themselves against attackers.

"Generally what they want is either kickboxing for the fitness of boxing, or they want ground fighting which helps them in tough situations," he said.

Arthur said a woman who is outweighed and strong-armed by an attacker can defend herself if she knows the right skills.

"It's like pulling a chair out



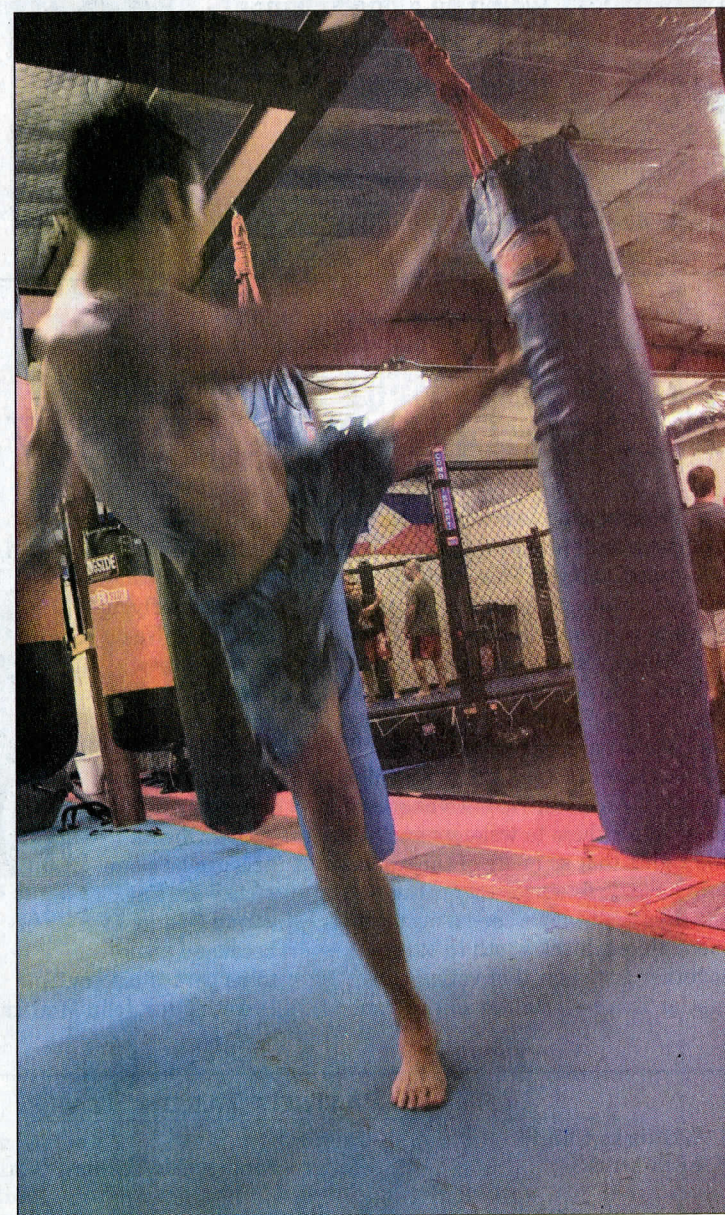
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The octagon at Lone Star, MMA's primary arena, holds fights between two opponents in a constrained space.



TALON >> ALLEN ARRICK

Mixed martial arts instructor Drew Arthur (standing) teaches his class basic skills to avoid being trapped by another attacker in a fight. The class is held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Arthur said the main draw for many people is the fitness aspect, but self-defense keeps them coming back.



TALON >> ALLEN ARRICK

Robbie Dennis a University alumni, pelts a heavy bag at Drew Arthur's Lone Star MMA gym in Tyler. Dennis said he attends the gym at least four times a week and loves the fitness aspect of his training.

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EDITORIAL

Volunteer staff wows evacuees; lessons learned

Hurricane Gustav might have been the biggest non-story this year, but for our University, it was a testament to the preparedness and compassion of the volunteer staff – especially the nursing department.

Nursing students, faculty and other volunteers worked tirelessly with little sleep and few breaks to take care of the sick and special needs patients who evacuated from Beaumont prior to the storm.

The hurricane didn't hit Beaumont, but the evacuees were already here, and many of them said they didn't want to leave – even in the cramped conditions of their Patriot Center housing. More than 180 patients were packed into the Patriot Center's Maytee Fisch Convocation Center.

Some evacuees we talked to were so pleased with the care given by University nursing students that they said it was better than being in a hospital. The mood was bright considering the living conditions.

The Talon Staff commends the entire nursing department for their incredible and compassionate care. The preparations were near flawless and the lessons learned from Katrina played out perfectly.

There's an old saying that the only mistake is the one you don't learn from. The country learned from Katrina, and our nursing staff couldn't have been better equipped.

But there were some things our staff would have changed.

Media access to the evacuees and volunteers was not as good as we would have liked.

University students were concerned and curious when 200 evacuees moved onto their campus, and as the primary media here the *Patriot Talon* was obligated to inform the student body about the situation.

But because these were special needs evacuees and considered patients, public relations directors were hesitant to allow media coverage and they banned it outright.

At first we were told we had to stay 200 feet away from the shelter by a police officer, and we couldn't talk to evacuees – even if they were outside the shelter and gave consent.

Media relations from the City and University were confused with rules for the media, and the Talon received two sets of instructions from each entity.

This was further compounded by the fact that anyone could walk into the shelter – and even take pictures – but media access was denied.

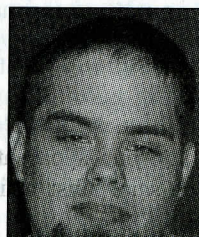
Eventually we were allowed to enter the shelter,



GET INVOLVED

Group involvement helps votes count

It is the time of the year when the University is abuzz with political debate. Some are absolutely positive we need a change in office and policy while others are confident we should stay the course. Also, year round there are plenty of complaints about university policy. However when asked if they vote in either student government or



without action will never change. In 2007 fifty-1 percent of people 18 to 24 did not vote in the national election. At the University, on average only 5 percent of students participate in Student government elections. Our university is a microcosm of a serious political problem.

Now some individuals in our age group believe their participation is worthless. A portion of college students believe candidates are out of touch with our age group or that a single vote cannot bring any change to our national or university problems. Also, some students at the university

es, and candidates may not know what our age group believes about the political issues and we are the only people that can change that. Instead of being one vote, join a political organization with similar beliefs and make a difference as a group. The University has organizations for both major political parties. Through the student government students can stress their concerns to the administration. As a group or even an individual you can write your state representative. Change is possible but idle complaints and lack of participation just perpetuates the

Eventually we were allowed to enter the shelter, but only to talk to volunteers. We couldn't take pictures of evacuees nor speak with them; we had to be escorted by a public relations professional.

Next time an event like this happens – and it will – PR officers need to have a unified set of rules for situations like this. The public wants to know the full story and the media have a responsibility to give it to them.

government or Presidential elections most students say they don't. This problem begs the question how will students opinions ever result in change?

The obvious answer is that simple complaints



Brandon Petty
Opinion Editor

problems. Also, some students at the university say it's difficult to reach the administration.

Now, there may be some validity in that, however, if they give up at this point then their political opinions are worthless and can even be perceived as an excuse to not make the effort to vote.

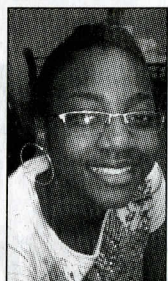
Certainly one vote cannot beat out the mass-

and lack of participation just perpetuates the problem.

If we continue to sit idle and complain about our university or our county then a lack of change is the best we can hope for while. However, if we as an age group take action then, with time, we will hopefully finally see the changes that we have wished for.

Campus Voice Q:

What are your thoughts about having a minority serving for the first time in one of the top executive offices —either as president or vice president?



► **“Either way I think it would be a good change. In the 21st century everything is changing.”**

Dominique Everheart
nursing, freshman



► **“If they can do the job then that's great, race or gender doesn't matter.”**

Bradley Martin
biology, junior



► **“I think it's great. I'm not a very political person but whatever happens, happens.”**

Amanda Friederich
kinesiology, freshman



► **“I think it's good for the country. At this point in history race should not be a determining factor.”**

Andrew Adams
biology, senior

CHOOSE YOUR PRESIDENT WISELY

First-time voters value race more than political platforms

It's disturbing to realize our next commander in chief may be elected based solely on skin color. Unfortunately, our young black voters seem to be concentrating only on the fact Barack Obama is black.

Now, I do realize I am dealing with a double-edged sword here. In the past, we have been disappointed by our youth's lack of interest in the political future of America. We have begged and pleaded for them to wake up and utilize the rights that so many of their ancestors have died to procure for them. For the first time I have seen a mass movement among black youth to band together and show that voting does matter, it is important and it can and

does make a difference.

It does make me proud, however, there are a couple of underlying problems. We do not need to stand in front of a camera and say, “I'm voting Obama because he's black,” “I'm voting Obama because he's one of us,” or “I'm voting Obama because I want to be part of history.”

Voting for John McCain would also



Sarah Fields-Thomas
Associate Editor

make you a part of history—making Sarah Palin the first female vice president.

We as longtime voters need to encourage those first-timers to make informed decisions. We do not need to vote for Obama because he's black. We do not need to vote for McCain because his running mate is a woman. We do need to vote for the best person as based on our personal interpretation of the facts.

Instead, vote for your next president because you agree with his stand on abortion or his views on same-sex marriage. Vote for him because his energy reform ideas make sense to you. Vote for him because he will pull the troops

out of Iraq—or because he won't. Vote for him because you feel good about his plans for healthcare or social security.

The second part of the problem is media based. I watched as BET (Black Entertainment Television) aired extensive coverage of the Democratic National Convention. They were even rallying students from historically black colleges and helping them register to vote.

I don't recall seeing these gatherings during the 2000 election, during a time when the count was so close the ballots had to be counted over. If the same effort would have been given to that campaign, America may not be in the same situation it is today.

Furthermore, I didn't see BET give much attention to the McCain campaign. Potential voters should be given both sides of the election. And since our young people tend to get most of what they know from TV, stations like BET and MTV should make a conscious effort to introduce a balanced political report.

Skin color, gender and unbalanced news sources should not be factors when choosing the person who will take the reigns of this great country.

Furthermore, don't let this be the only election you participate in. Your vote will be just as important come 2012, 2016, 2020 and so on. Even if there are no minority candidates.

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Volunteers

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teers to staff the shelter.

"We ask physicians in the area to assist, and our faculty are the head nurses. They ask the students to do whatever they need to do," said Carol Killingley, administrative services officer.

Killingley coordinates volunteer opportunities for the University. She immediately issued a campus-wide e-mail asking for volunteers, and more than 135 students, faculty and staff had answered as of noon on Sept. 3.

"The volunteers are vital, especially the nursing students. They've been on duty since Saturday evening. We also had students who set up the beds before the evacuees arrived on Saturday. They've been serving meals, doing laundry and some miscellaneous tasks for the nursing faculty," Killingley said.

Jenny Chilton, a nursing faculty member, volunteered the day the shelter opened.

"We couldn't have done it without the volunteers because everyone pitched in. There was no 'come on you have to work' because people have just shown up," she said.

Viviano credits community spirit for the shelter's success.

"I think Tyler in general just really cares about the people and makes a conscious effort to help," she said.

"UT Tyler has been great with everything, especially the supplies we've needed," Viviano said. "The Army came through and brought us 500 hygiene kits. They have really done a great job of keeping us up with the supplies we need."

"As far as medications go it's been really easy because even when the pharmacists aren't here at night, the doctors are able to write a prescription and call it in. We have a runner go pick it up."

The level of care provided by the volunteers did not go unnoticed by evacuees. Della

Edwards, a Beaumont evacuee, said she was impressed by the care she and others received at the shelter.

"Some of the elderly are by themselves and they are really taking good care of them. This school's really teaching them well," Edwards said.

"These good doctors and nurses are helping everybody. It's just like being in a regular hospital," she said. "Only better."

The experience benefitted volunteers as well, said Stephen Williamson, a senior nursing student.

Usually six patients are the most he is assigned at his job with a local hospital. In the shelter he was assigned 16.

"This is great training," he said. "This is what it's all about."

Despite balancing two jobs and a full schedule of classes, Viviano enjoyed the experience.

"I would honestly say out of all my nursing career, this is the best experience I've had," Viviano said. "You really get to see the conditions that people are in and interact with so many different people."

Chilton said no one will soon forget the lessons they learned last week.

"It was a perspective altering experience, for sure," Chilton said. "You hear a lot of judgment related to New Orleans and Katrina and it's easy to sit at home and say, 'How could you not get yourself out of that?' Then you see these people and they really are just helpless."

"It was great to be here to try to make them feel welcome, that we were glad they were here and that they were safe."

"I can't begin to tell you all the things that have happened," Chilton said. "I will be looking back from down the road when I go 'wow'."

Company uses online compatibility surveys to pair up potential college roommates

By Dana Hull
and Shelby Martin
San Jose Mercury News
(MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. - University of California-Berkeley sophomore Katie Nelson says that she always has one burning question about potential dorm roommates.

"You wonder if they are going to be a psychopath," joked Nelson, 19. "After that, the next question is: Are they messy?"

Compatibility is key when it comes to communal living, particularly when the room is smaller than most studio apartments. The night owl won't appreciate the early riser, and the neat freak will have little tolerance for the total slob. So some Cal students have used StarRez, a company that specializes in housing and conference software, in their search for compatible roommates.

Think of it as Match.com for modern dorm life.

"It's kind of like online dating," said Martin Takimoto, director of marketing for residential and student services at the University of California-Berkeley, which began rolling out the StarRez program last spring.

Students create an online profile and complete a survey. But instead of asking questions about majors and musical taste, the questions focus on the issues that can make or break roommate relationships: tidiness, sleep schedules, study habits and just how many friends they want dropping by at 3 a.m.

The StarRez portal then spits out a list of their closest roommate matches, complete with a percentage representing each one's compatibility. Students can send messages to potential matches and chat further.

"If you find out your potential roommate has a 6-foot python, you can still say 'no way!'" said Jason Dell, a spokesman for StarRez, which has 250 college campuses as clients.



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Roommates Kimberly Lam, 18, left, and Lauren Weiss, 17, haul their belongings into the dorms at UC Berkeley on Aug. 24, 2008. UC Berkeley is trying a new pilot program using profiling software to match up roommates.

Freshman Patricia Lin, 18, of Milpitas, used StarRez as she began the process of signing up for university housing.

Lin, who graduated from Presentation High School in San Jose, was paired up with Joanna Lee, 17, of Torrance.

Their majors are different. Lin is studying psychology, Lee molecular cell biology. But the two, who moved into their new room in Davidson Hall last weekend, were matched up in part because they both said they want their dorm room to be mellow and conducive to studying.

They've been placed in a "triple," with a third roommate from Saratoga. Classes started this week.

Saturday night was the first night the roommates spent together. Everything is going well, "but apparently I snore," Lee said. "Just a little bit," Lin

said. Snoring is not a StarRez question.

In previous years, Cal students who received housing assignments were briefly surveyed via e-mail about their sleep schedules, level of tidiness and whether they smoked, and then were matched up based on basic criteria. Those who hadn't requested a specific roommate were assigned one based on that survey.

But since February, students have been able to log on to the StarRez Web site to create more detailed profiles for potential roommates for the fall semester. Users can use a screen name, make queries, direct fellow students to their Facebook or MySpace profiles, and accept or decline roommate offers.

Still, you never really know how something is going to work out until you meet the old-fashioned way: in person.

Graydon Rose, 18, of San Diego, met his roommate, Allen Cheong, 18, of San Leandro, for the first time Sunday, as both students arrived with their parents and mounds of back-to-school gear in tow.

Rose and his folks were already organizing the closet when Cheong arrived. The two shook hands, then got down to business.

"I thought we could put the refrigerator here and then the microwave here," Rose told Cheong.

Rose is studying political science, Cheong civil engineering.

"For me, I don't mind partying as long as he doesn't come home really, really late," Cheong said. "And I guess another thing for me is I don't like it when people borrow stuff without asking."

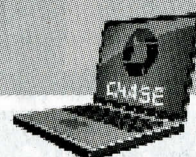
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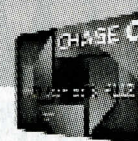
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College students' credit card debt spurs concern

By Tony PughMcClatchy Newspapers
(MCT)

WASHINGTON – As the fall semester beckons and financial aid from parents and the government runs dry, more college students are turning to credit cards to pay not only for their text books, meals and transportation but also for tuition.

A recent survey by U.S. Public Interest Research Groups found that two-thirds of college students have at least one card, 70 percent pay their own monthly bills, and 24 percent have used their cards to help pay tuition.

That helps explain why the average survey respondent will graduate with more than \$2,600 in credit card debt, and those with student loans will owe nearly \$3,000.

Andrew Kunka charged \$4,000 to his credit card several years ago to help pay tuition at Loyola

Marymount University in Los Angeles. Now a first-year law student at Rutgers University's Newark, N.J., campus, Kunka struggles to make the minimum payment on the card, which is nearly maxed out.

"I feel like credit card companies target us because we really have no financial awareness," said Kunka, who's 22. "We're barely out of our homes, barely having experiences as adults, and they throw these things at us and they don't make you aware of what you're signing into."

In recent congressional testimony, a card industry representative said stories such as Kunka's were aberrations and that two out of three students paid their card balances in full each month.

However, concern about college students' credit card debt has led regulators, lawmakers and consumer advocates to question whether schools are making

it too easy for card companies to market their plastic to students.

Of particular concern are exclusive agreements in which card companies and banks pay millions of dollars to schools or alumni associations for preferential treatment with their card-marketing efforts. The perks can include prime marketing space in high-traffic areas on campus or the use of a school's name and logo on their cards.

Three hundred of the nation's largest universities collectively pocket more than \$1 billion a year on these marketing deals, said Robert D. Manning, the director of the Center for Consumer Financial Services at the Rochester Institute of Technology, in Rochester, N.Y.

The New York Attorney General's Office is investigating the practice nationally, but Benjamin Lawsky, a deputy counselor with that office, provided few details of the probe in

recent congressional testimony.

"I think when those provisions in these agreements become public, sometime relatively soon, I think it will shock many people, the kinds of relationships that some of these credit card companies have with the schools," Lawsky testified.

The agreements are usually confidential and often require the school to provide students' personal contact information, such as telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and home addresses.

This can lead to a deluge of card offers. While most issuers frown on applicants with shallow earnings and sparse credit histories, college students with similar attributes are coveted as potential long-term customers whose earnings will increase with time.

So students face aggressive card promotions on campus, where they're vulnerable to a host of marketing tactics.

One company offered free

rides in a bicycle taxi if students watched a video pitch for its credit cards. Others set up tables around campus and offer free T-shirts, movie rentals, music downloads, Frisbees and even food if students fill out card applications.

Experts say these temptations can make an already-difficult decision even harder for young adults with little financial know-how.

"It's practically impossible to be a decent consumer and have a normal thought process when you're staring at a steaming hot piece of pizza," said Christine Lindstrom, the higher education program director with U.S. Public Interest Research Groups.

John Velasco never had such conflicts. Velasco, 22, was a sophomore at West Virginia University when ads drew him to a promotion offering pizza to students who took part in a five-

minute survey. "The (ads) never said a word about credit cards," Velasco recalled.

It wasn't until he reached the front of a long line that he realized that the "survey" was a credit card application, and he couldn't get pizza unless he filled it out.

"I said, 'No way.' I'm not going for that. It was ridiculous," said Velasco, who now attends State University of New York's Albany campus.

Card industry representatives say the vast majority of college students share Velasco's discerning judgment.

"Certainly there are examples of students who took on more debt than they were ultimately able to manage, but in the vast majority of cases, students are acting responsibly in meeting their obligations," said Kenneth Clayton, the senior vice president of the card policy council of the American Bankers Association.

Visas

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Though not considered late, the visas arrived after the start of classes this semester as a result of an ever-lengthening process of approval, said Joe Vorsas, director of human resources.

Paperwork for the visa application packet has to be compiled by Vorsas and the prospective professor.

"Transcripts have to be evaluated to see if they meet our standards. The Texas Workforce Commission has to do a prevailing wage study to determine we are paying that person a fair wage and not discriminating against them because they are a foreign national. That takes awhile," Vorsas said.

Once completed, the paperwork is sent to the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at UT Austin, a department devoted entirely to

visas and the needs of foreign students.

Vorsas said an immigration attorney is in charge of that department.

Several branches of The University of Texas system utilize the services of UT Austin's OISS office, so there are bottlenecks at certain times of the year, mostly running up to the fall semester, Vorsas said.

"We pay them a fee to prepare documentation to submit for the visas," Vorsas said. "Hopefully at some point in time we will be able to justify having our own immigration person here."

The visa application packet is completed and submitted to the Department of Homeland Security.

"The processing time varies. In the past, it was taking from six weeks to two and a half

months for them to say, 'yes, that person is approved to start teaching,'" Vorsas said. "Now it can take as long as five months."

Vorsas has seen the approval time increase in the years since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

"They are checking people out much more closely and I think that is part of the reason the process has slowed down," he said.

Vorsas said he received notification prior to the first class day that the visas were approved, but was advised to wait until the hard copy arrived in the mail before giving approval to begin teaching.

"We are very meticulous because it is federal immigration stuff and it is wrapped up in the Department of Homeland Security," he said.

"We don't bend the rules," Vorsas said.

Cowan

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al effects, and plenty of high tech gadgets that revolve around the world of CSI.

October wraps up with Oscar winner Olympia Dukakis in Martin Sherman's play, "Rose." The 80-year-old actress tells a story about a Ukrainian-born Jew during the Holocaust who lives on even though her family perished.

Autumn starts with the Broadway standard "Chicago" on Nov. 1. Winner of six Tony and six Academy Awards, the musical has wooed audiences for years.

On Nov. 10, Aussies will invade the Cowan Center with the Spaghetti Western Orchestra. Using traditional and improvised instruments, they will perform classics by composer Ennio Morricone.

Stepcrew, a unique celtic-inspired dance production featuring Celtic musicians, performs Nov. 20. Performers will be showing off their original compositions while doing

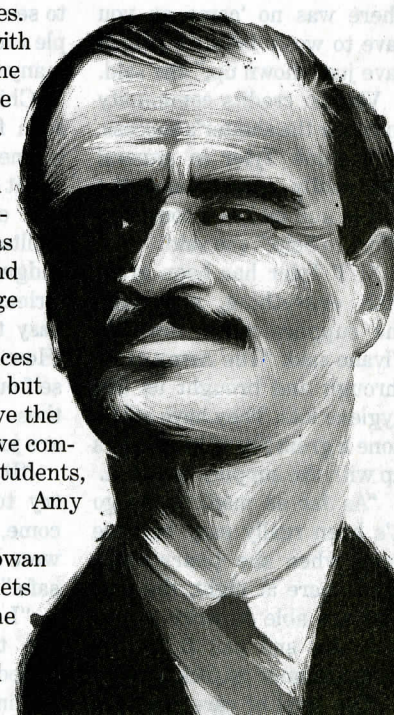
Irish and classic tap dances.

The semester closes with a double performance of the holiday classic "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 6. The ballet, scored by composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, will be performed by the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and the Tyler Junior College Dance Department.

Some of the performances will be free to students, but the SGA has yet to approve the list on which shows will have complimentary tickets for students, said SGA president Amy Whitehouse.

All shows at the Cowan Center have RUSH tickets available to students one hour before showtime.

Remaining tickets will be sold for \$10 to students with valid identification.

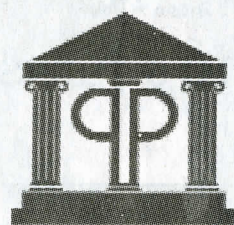


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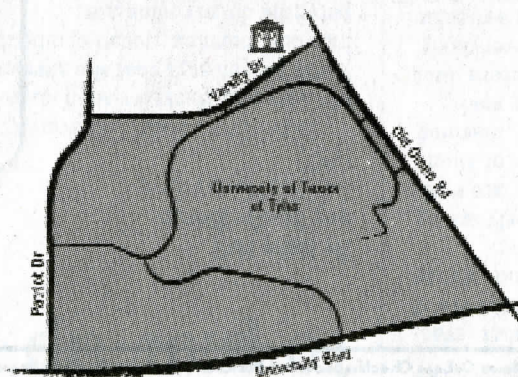
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Gustav

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Tyler became an official evacuation point for special needs patients for Beaumont – those who are elderly, handicapped or hospitalized.

By the time nearly 2,000 evacuees arrived in Tyler, forecasts from the National Hurricane Center predicted Gustav as a Category 4 or 5 hurricane as it raced toward the Louisiana coast.

At that time officials believed Beaumont would be spared the brunt of the storm.

Nurses in the Patriot Center tended to evacuees from Saturday until Thursday. Reports from volunteers were positive.

"This one is much more organized," Klotz said. "We learned a lot from Katrina, plus when we had Katrina evacuees this was a general shelter – this time it's mostly medical patients."

Other volunteers were surprised by the number of patients they served.

Stephen Williamson, a second level nursing student, said he helped about 16 patients at a

time, almost three times as many he sees in his hospital volunteering.

"Some of them have pretty impressive medical needs," Klotz said. "Some of them are double amputees."

Looking down from the Patriot Center was a gym full of patients – at times as many as 210, Klotz said.

Nursing volunteer Lasi McArthur said she worked four hours on Sept. 1 and nearly 12 hours on Sept. 2.

"It's different from the hospital and more involved," McArthur said. "They are so different from hospital patients."

"Some of them are in a stressful situation and it's hard for them not to know what's going on at home," she said.

By that Monday it was clear Gustav wasn't going to hit landfall as strongly as predicted, but the special needs patients in the Patriot Center were there to stay until the storm passed.

On Labor Day administrators met to discuss canceling classes on Tuesday.

They were hesitant at first and waited until Tuesday afternoon to decide. By that time the hurricane was downgraded and rainfall estimates for East Texas were reduced.

Administrators kept classes as scheduled.

As the mandatory evacuation from Beaumont was lifted at 6 a.m. Tuesday, city officials announced Gustav evacuees were going to be repatriated on Sept. 3. Buses began loading general evacuees – those not requiring special needs – first.

By the end of the week the evacuees returned home and volunteers returned to class.

"From Katrina, students loved every minute of it," Klotz said. "They got great experience with quick decision making and therapeutic communication."

For the special needs patients, their stay at the University was as much of home as they could have hoped.

"Many of the patients said this is the nicest place they've ever been," Klotz said.

Tolliver

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houses the offices of Campus Activities, Greek Life, student organizations and Community Relations. As director, Tolliver said she oversees and supports the operations of each office to encourage productivity, engagement and opportunity to students.

"(The goal) is to engage our students in student life and learning outside the classroom, and to help build the community," Tolliver said.

She said the University is growing rapidly and hopes to create new potential for leadership, activities and campus life students may have lacked in the past.

"She has a wonderful vision

for our department as well as for each individual office in Student Life and Leadership," Greek Life Coordinator Brittany Temple said. "It has been great to have a leader that is such an advocate for students as well as for her staff."

Tolliver said the office plans to look at programs succeeding at similar universities and personalize them into the University's unique programs.

She said with her experience at UNT she hopes the Office of Student Life and Leadership will continue to expand and engage students throughout their college experience.

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SGA

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toga party.

The big-ticket item though is \$10,000 for SGAC, up from \$8,000 last year. Registered student organizations can request funds for their organizations from the SGAC with a few

guidelines.

The SGA allocated \$4,000 for training, and SGA treasurer David McAlpin said that money goes into training retreats and materials for SGA senators and executive councilmembers.

SGA members also voted for a \$1,700 toga party, a \$2,000 pool party and \$2,500 for project allocation, a fund set up to finance SGA approved improvements on campus.

Art

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Also, the addition will provide the capability for the department to grow.

"The art faculty and students have been very patient. They've waited years for this and I'm delighted to get it moving," Greg Lassen, vice president of business affairs, said.

Hatcher has been with the University for 15 years and teaches ceramics, introduction to art and senior exhibition. He said Lassen has been responsible for the project moving forward.

"He's been a great asset [to this effort]," Hatcher said.

"Our ability to grow has been severely limited because of space. From 2001 to 2005, enrollment grew by 400 percent," Hatcher said, but that growth cannot continue without more space.

"The problem isn't having students, it's having room," Hatcher

said, as well as a lecture hall, administrative offices. Plans call for a lecture hall with a seating capacity of 100 students, and art history professors will have a seminar room.

There will be two drawing and painting studios, a clay and sculpture studio, a ceramics studio, a sculpture studio, a design studio, a student work area to frame and matte creations and a wood shop.

The art department's administrative offices will also be located in the new Fine Arts Complex.

"We're excited about the layout. It's affordable and easily accessible," Lassen said.

The University has been planning this new building since 2001.

Recent fund raising efforts have been successful, but the cost of materials has risen greatly since 2001, Lassen said, proving the budget a major obstacle in

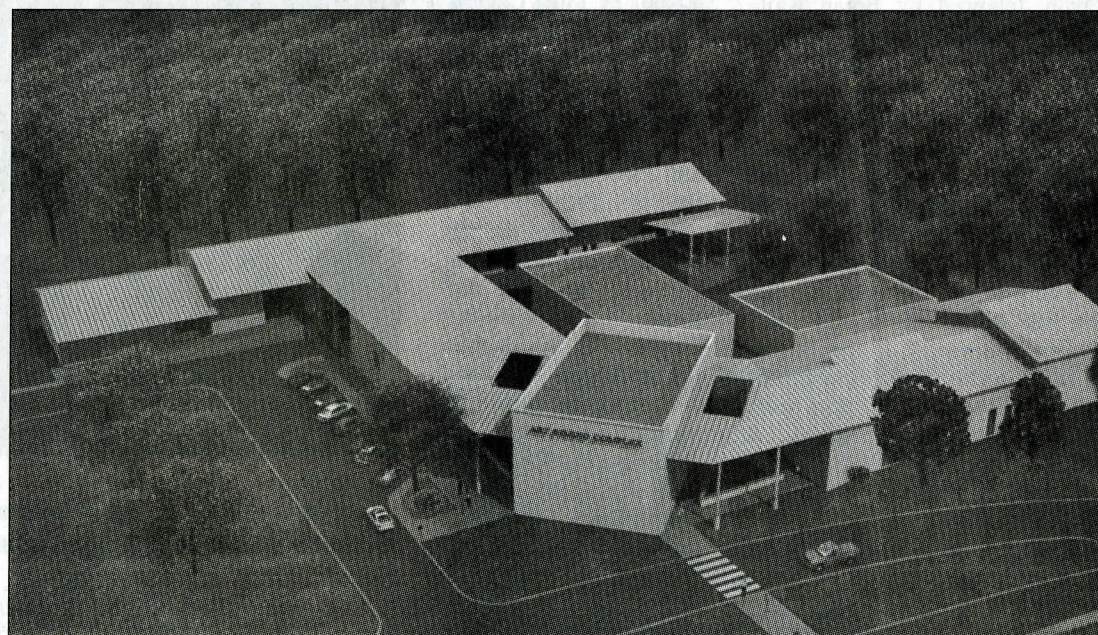
and creations to life.

A self-proclaimed "big fan" of art, Lassen said he hopes the additional studio space will not only provide a great environment for art majors and graduate students, but also will encourage more students to dabble in art electives.

"Art is a fundamental part of education," Lassen said, "It gets another part of our brain working, and that is what college is for."

Lassen signed a contract with local architecture firm Bucher Willis and Ratliff. BWR has 400 days to complete the \$7 million project.

Although the construction begins soon, the current art studios will remain functional. Lassen said a sidewalk was built for students to use the back entrance.



COURTESY RENDITION

The new arts complex will surround the old art building. Administration and art department officials expect the complex to be completed by the end of the 2009 fall semester.

dents, it's having room," Hatcher said.

"The facilities are specific, like science labs," Hatcher said. For example, a student interested in woodwork and another in print making cannot work in the same space.

The new facility will house seven complete studios for vari-

the budget a major obstacle in moving forward.

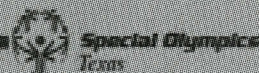
Hatcher said he announced the new facility to his classes and said they are "very excited."

With so many studios geared toward specific mediums, the students will enjoy the proper environment in which to work and the right tools to bring their ideas

entrance. Construction is a nuisance, but "it's a sign of progress," he said.

The goal for completion is the 2009 fall semester, but judging from the length of time required to complete the UC extension, only time will tell, Lassen said.

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Patriot men, women win UT Invitational

By Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

For the first time in school history, both University cross country teams won the UT Tyler Invitational as the women won their first home event while the men won the meet for the fourth year in a row.

Then men also swept the first eight places in the individual race with senior Warren Brown winning with a time of 26:09. That time is two seconds off the course record, set in 2006 by Ben Donnan, who finished the 2008 race in second place with a time of 26:27.

Cross country coach Bob Hepler said Brown, who was coming back from an injury-plagued 2007 season, ran this race about two minutes faster than he did in 2007.

"I had a stress fracture in my foot last year and I tried to run through it but I was not 100 percent," Brown said. "Now I'm healthy and it was great to win this race today. We had a lot of support from our friends, fans and other athletes and that was great, especially for us seniors."

Third through eighth place saw all Patriots crossing the finish line as R.J. Cowan came in third at 26:35, followed by Bojan Kajtaz (27:30), freshman Jeff Chandler (27:59), Ross Renfroe (28:10), Mark Saroni (28:39). Finishing out the top eight for the Patriots was the starting guard from the basketball team, Anthony Reese, who made his cross country debut Saturday with a time of 29:08.

"Warren put in a great summer of training to get him back to where he was before the injury and I believe Warren, R.J. and Ben are just poised to have an outstanding year," Hepler said. "The great thing about today is that we held out our fourth and fifth runners and the other team members stepped up to help us win."

Other finishers for the Patriots included David Kelley (32:31) in 16th place and Kirk Hesse (32:38) in 17th place.

On the women's side, Angela

Saturday's race was especially difficult for Moore as less than a week ago, her father, Barry Moore, died from cancer only weeks after he was diagnosed.

The entire men's and women's cross country team honored her father by wearing a headband with the initials "B.M." during every race in the 2008 season.

"For Lindsey to compete at all and take fourth place, considering her recent situation with the passing of her father, is amazing in itself," Hepler said. "I thought the decision to use the headband was the appropriate thing for us to do in honor of Barry."

One other top 10 finisher for the Patriots was Jules Armstrong, who finished in ninth place with a time of 27:41.

Other finishers for the women were Rachel Carol (28:05) in 11th place, Angela Martinez (28:50) in 13th, Claudia Cardenas (29:31) in 14th, Paige Burnett (29:43) in 15th, Sarah Goyzueta (30:43) in 21st, Robin Zihlman (30:56) in 22nd and Nancy Palencia (36:14) in 27th.

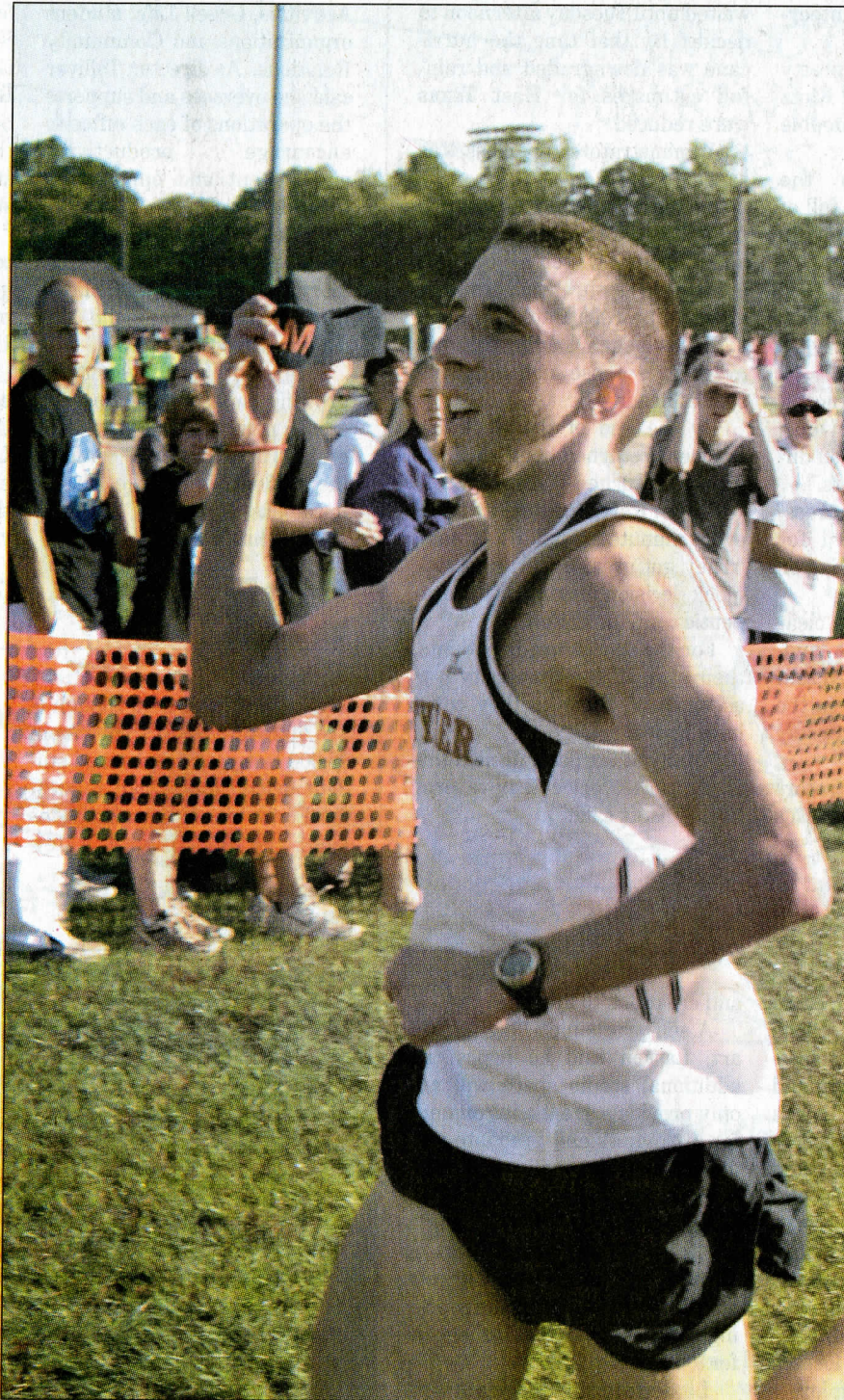
"For not having our top runner today in Kamie Cook, I thought our women did a great job," Hepler said. "As soon as we get Kamie back, our women's team should be very strong and hopefully competing for a conference championship in November."

On Aug. 30, the Patriots traveled to the Baylor University Twilight Invitational where they were the only Div. III school at the meet.

while Brown placed 12th and Cowan in 17th.

The top finisher on the women's

Friday," Hepler said. "Imagine how much better we could have done if we were rested."



TALON » Kyle G. Horst

Senior cross country runner Warren Brown dashes toward the finish line. Brown finished first in the UT Tyler invitational on Saturday.

CROSS COUNTRY |

Both men's and women's teams ran Saturday morning with a close reminder of a life gone too soon embroidered on their headbands. The teams won both matches with ease.



Cuba of The University of Dallas won the race with a time of 24:20. Following Cuba was three Patriots in Sarah Hankla (24:53), Jessica Beers (25:54) and Lindsey Moore (26:01).

The Patriots rose to the challenge as the men finished fourth among some top notch scholarship schools and the women placed seventh.

Donnan finished in 10th place in the 6K race with a time of 19:24

side was Hankla, who ran the 4K race in 16:37, good enough for 35th place.

"We trained hard for the Baylor meet by running 12 miles on that Thursday and eight more on that

The men and women cross country teams resume action on Sept. 20 as they head to the University of Louisiana at Monroe to participate in their second NCAA Div. I invitational this season.

TALON >> Kyle G. Horst

Junior Lindsey Moore runs around Harvey Lake during the middle of the UT Tyler Invitational race Saturday. Moore finished fourth overall.

VOLLEYBALL

Patriots work to spike last season's record

By Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

The Patriots volleyball team's motto for this season is "don't look back" and if their first eight games say anything, it is that they have fully forgotten last season.

Off to a 6-2 start this season, the Patriots have gotten off to the best start in program history and are already one win shy of matching last year's total.

To open the season, the Patriots traveled to Memphis, Tenn. to participate in the Rhodes College Invitational, where they played four games.

In the opener, the Patriots took care of Randolph College by sweeping them in three straight games, 25-12, 25-16, and 25-20.

Later in the day, the Patriots beat Concordia-Austin University, 25-21, 25-14, 22-25, and 26-24.

The next day, the Patriots dropped their first contest of the year as Millsaps College took care of business, winning 26-24, 25-13, 19-25 and 25-18.

In the final game of the invitational, the Patriots came away with another sweep, this time against St. Catharine (Ky.) College, 25-21, 25-7 and 25-17.

After the Rhodes Invitational, the Patriots volleyball team received an award they have not even seen since the 2004 season.

Senior Megan McCarty was named the American Southwest Conference East Division Defensive Player of the Week, the first ASC weekly honor in four years.

McCarty recorded a team-high 60 digs in the invitational to go along with seven service aces, 11 kills and two blocks.

The Patriots then made it back to the Herrington Patriot Center to play host to the 2008 Azalea Orthopedic/UT Tyler Volleyball Invitational.

The Patriots showed no sign of slowing down as they swept both games on the first day, beating Ottawa University, 25-18, 25-19 and 25-23 in the first game.

In the nightcap, the Patriots knocked off cross-town foe, Texas College, by a score of 25-8, 25-8 and 25-9.

Saturday proved to be a little harder to get a win as they dropped the first game of the day against Rhodes College, 25-15, 15-25, 17-25 and 14-25.

However, the Patriots moved on from that loss and recorded their hardest win statistically this season and they went to the fifth and deciding game to beat Bacone College, 23-25, 12-25, 25-12, 25-13 and 15-11.

Eight players were named to the All-Tournament team for the UT Tyler Volleyball Invitational, two of them from the Patriots in

McCarty and Whitney Clements.

Up next for the Patriots is a tough road contest as they travel to Sherman tomorrow to take on the No. 13 nationally ranked team, Austin College in their only contest of the week.

Then the Patriots are scheduled to return home for four straight games before going on the road for 13 consecutive games.

Coming up

Patriots at Austin
7 p.m. Tuesday
September 9,
in Sherman.



TALON >> Kyle G. Horst

Patriot Whitney Clements rushes to save the ball from crossing the foul line. The Patriots won their first three sets against Ottawa College on Friday afternoon.

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SOCCER |

Trinity ruins perfect start for Patriots

By Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

The Patriots men's soccer team almost capped off a perfect opening weekend to the 2008 season, but the 2007 National Runner-up, Trinity University, thought otherwise.

After shutting out Southwestern University, 2-0, in Georgetown at their own tournament, the Patriots turned around the next day to face national powerhouse Trinity, ranked No. 2 in the nation going into the game.

Trinity also went into the game with confidence knowing they have not lost a regular season match since 2004.

Despite being underdogs and have never beaten Trinity, the Patriots jumped out to the early 1-0 lead, when Tony Guillen scored 22 minutes into the game off of a pass from Carlos Reyes.

However, Trinity is not the No. 2 nationally ranked team for nothing as they quickly responded in the 33rd minute as Ben Grossman tied the game at 1-1.

In the second half, the Patriots battled as long as they could with Trinity until the 86th minute when Michael

Robertson knocked the ball in to give Trinity a late 2-1 lead.

Trinity responded very quickly with one more goal as Noe Casanova scored an unassisted goal in the 88th minute.

In the first game against Southwestern, both teams remained scoreless after the first half of the game.

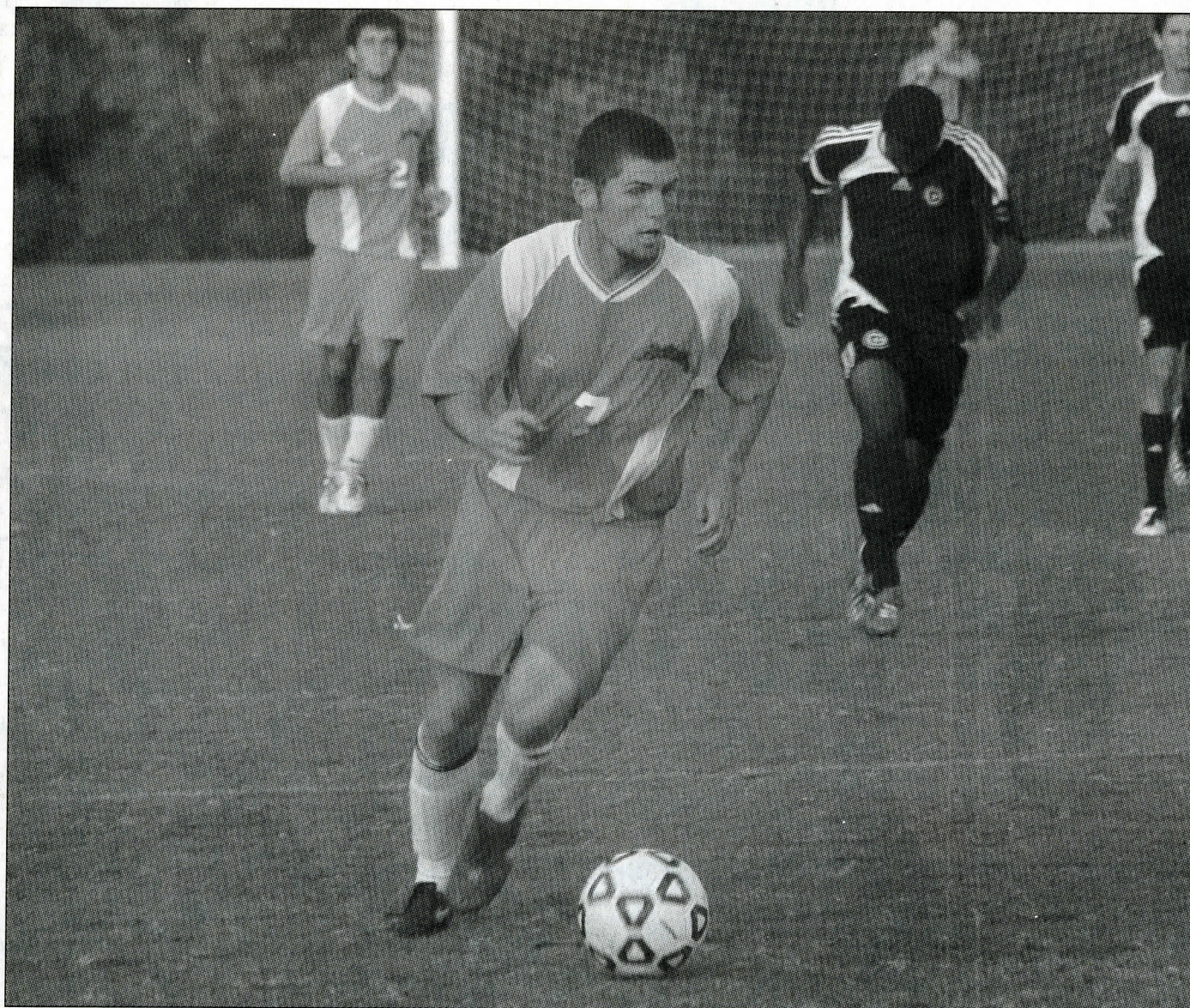
Things turned in the favors of the Patriots in the first minute of the second half as Guillen scored an unassisted goal to go up 1-0.

Guillen then contributed to the next and final goal of the game as his pass set up Michael Kendall in the 59th minute to give the Patriots a 2-0 lead.

After going 1-1 in the opening weekend, the men's soccer team resumes play Thursday night as they face NCAA Div. II Harding University (Ark.) in the Patriots home opener.

Kick off is set for 5 p.m. at Citizens 1st Bank-Perkins Soccer Complex.

This will be the final non-conference game before they open American Southwest Conference play on Sept. 18 at Mississippi College.



TALON » Kyle G. Horst

Tony Bowles drives on Centenary during an exhibition game. The Patriots lost 1-0 in a sudden victory match on Sept. 1.

Women's team blazes by Southwestern 3-0

By Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

The Patriots women's soccer team remained undefeated after overtaking Southwestern University 3-0 on Sunday.

Through the first four games, the Patriots are 3-0-1 with the one tie coming against the No. 21 ranked team in the nation, Trinity University, by a score of 2-2.

On Sunday, the Patriots and Southwestern battled to a 0-0 tie in the first half but the Patriots eventually woke up in the second half.

Lauren Thomas scored the first goal in the 54th minute with Lauren Daily assisting her. Daily then set up the next goal as well when Kelsey Kemp took

The final goal came in 76th minute as Amanda Thomas scored the team's third goal of the day with the assist coming from Jessica Pierce.

On Friday, Trinity came into town where the Patriots, who have never beaten Trinity, did record their first tie against the team.

In the regular season, tied games go into a sudden death 20 minute overtime and if they are still tied, they go to one more overtime. After that, the game finishes in a tie, unlike the playoffs, where a shootout determines the winner.

Trinity jumped on the board early in the game as Bekah Gabay scored an unassisted goal in the 11th minute to give Trinity a 1-0 lead.

Early in the second half, Patriots' Jessica Pierce

1-1 in the 52nd minute.

Trinity re-took the lead in the 75th minute when Kelly Watts scored with Abigail Loar recording the assist.

Late in the game, the Patriots responded with a much needed goal, this one coming from Kendall Kramer with about five minutes left in regulation. Thomas set up Kramer with the assist.

In the two overtime periods, the Patriots put up only two shots, compared to Trinity's three shots.

The Patriots opened the season last weekend when they traveled to Shreveport, La. to play two games with the first one coming against Oklahoma Christian University, a 1-0 win where Thomas recorded the only goal of the game.

Two days later, the opponent was Oklahoma City University, and the women recorded another shutout, this time winning 2-0.

The first goal came in the 33rd minute when Thomas put in an unassisted goal and the second goal came only three minutes later as Sonya Gomez took an assist by Kramer to put the Patriots up 2-0.

Up next for the women's soccer team is their American Southwest Conference opener when they travel to Clinton, Miss. to take on Mississippi College on Sept. 18. On Sept. 20, the Patriots will play at Louisiana College before returning home on Sept. 25 to play national powerhouse and five-time ASC defending champions, Hardin-Simmons University.

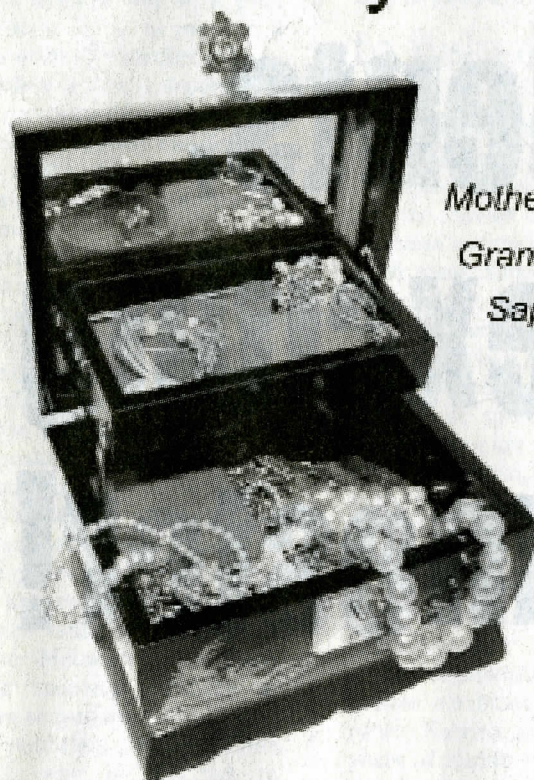
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Christian University, a 1-0 win where Thomas recorded the only goal of the game. Pierce was recorded with the assist.

ASC defending champions, Hardin-Simmons University.

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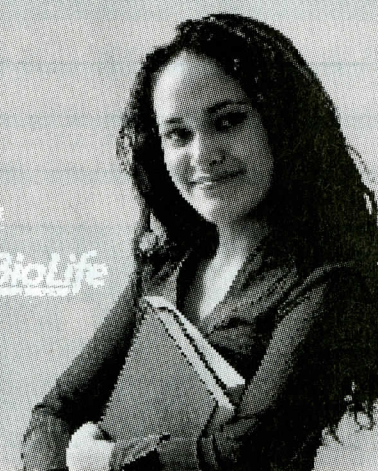
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Patriot Palooza

Jon Shaw jumps his BMX bike over fellow stuntman Lane George during part of a BMX show presented to the students during Patriot Palooza. The theme of Patriot Palooza this year was "2 the Extreme."

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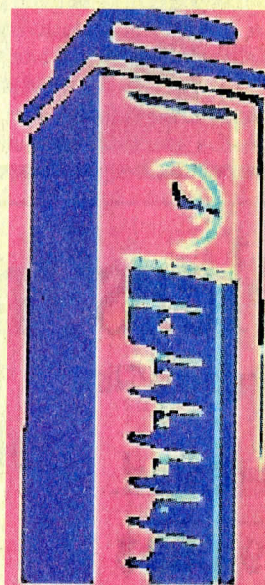
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